

December 2018

## Message From Mayor Susan Renda

Dear Resident,

I want to offer heartfelt gratitude to all of you who came out to vote in the very important mid-term elections on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Also, congratulations on the very impressive voter turnout in Moreland Hills; 72% of registered voters actually voted. I am proud of our engaged and informed electorate. Furthermore, I am incredibly grateful for voter support of the Safety levy increase; over 58% of our electors approved it. As you know, 100% of this critical levy supports our Police, Fire and EMS services. This increase in the levy means the Village will be able to continue to provide the excellent safety services you have grown accustomed to without sacrificing our road or maintenance programs. Thank you for the vote of confidence in the way we carefully manage your tax dollars to provide this excellent service. I guarantee you that when you need help, your outstanding Moreland Hills Police and Chagrin Falls Suburban Fire Departments will respond quickly and professionally.

We will continue to be mindful of our responsibility to spend tax dollars wisely and conservatively and we will continue to act regionally where it makes sense. You will see in the **Ordinances and Resolutions** section of this newsletter that the Village has entered into an agreement with Orange Village to purchase a camera for visualizing the interior of sewer lines. This piece of equipment is essential to our operations but is something we use infrequently. We have previously entered into joint purchase agreements with Orange and Pepper Pike to share a mini-excavator and an asphalt roller for road patching. This equipment-sharing has worked well operationally for all participating communities and dramatically reduces expenses as well. Furthermore, we used funds from Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District to make the purchase making our actual cost almost nil.

As you can also see in **Ordinances and Resolutions** Council agreed to issue bonds to fund the renovations at Village Hall and the Police Department. At the same meeting they approved the contract with Sander Construction for this work. Sander Construction was the

lowest and best bidder at a total cost of \$925,700. These renovations are the types of projects that were paid for with funds we previously got from the state for estate taxes. When Police Department renovations are complete we will have an open house, including the shooting range which is really interesting to see. We will start community meetings with the Police again soon to keep you informed about important safety issues.

I spoke at a forum along with four other mayors at Cleveland State University on November 5 on the state of the region. We covered a wide range of issues but the discussion kept coming back to strained municipal relations with state government and changes in the tax base in the region. We discussed thinking, acting and planning regionally as a way to control our own destinies in Northeast Ohio. We will continue to follow up on these conversations through various mayors' groups. I understand that no one, and that includes me, loves to pay taxes. Therefore it is with the deepest gratitude that I once again want to thank you for passing Issue 49, an increase to Moreland Hills' Safety Levy. It means so much to me and all our employees.

Happy Holidays!

*- Mayor Susan Renda*

## Prepare Your Car for Winter

- Follow recommended service schedules, including brakes and exhaust system.
- Repair any engine performance or drivability problems before the cold weather makes them worse.
- Replace dirty filters and old wiper blades.
- Add a bottle of fuel deicer in your tank once a month.
- Flush and refill the cooling system.
- Make sure the heater and defroster are in good working condition.
- Have your battery checked by a professional.
- Check tires for worn treads, and check tire pressure once a month.
- Always carry an emergency kit with gloves, boots, blankets, flares, small shovel & kitty litter, a flashlight and extra batteries, cell phone and charger, and snacks.

## Closings and Reminders

### Holiday Closures at Village Hall

Christmas Eve: December 24 – Closed  
Christmas Day: December 25 – Closed  
New Year's Eve: December 31 – Close at Noon  
New Year's Day: January 1 – Closed

### Service Department Reminders

- Christmas & New Year's Rubbish/Recycling Pick-Up: Any **Monday** pick-ups will be done on Wednesdays. All other days will remain as regularly scheduled.
- NO Yard Waste or Special Pick-ups will be done on Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> or Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- The Service Department will start picking up Christmas Trees January 7<sup>th</sup> and will continue through February 8th.
- Chipping is done for the year, and will resume again next April through October (third full week of the month).

### Meeting Schedule

There will be no BZA or Planning Commission Meetings in January.

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## Ordinances and Resolutions

The following Ordinances & Resolutions were passed in November:

**Ordinance 2018-50** – authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Sander Contracting, Inc. for the Village Hall Entrance and Police Department Roof Project, in the amount of \$925,700.

**Ordinance 2018-51** – authorizes the Mayor to enter into a Community Cost-Share Agreement with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS) for the storm sewer televising equipment purchase. NEORS will allocate \$22,213 in Community Cost-Share funds for this purchase.

**Ordinance 2018-52** – authorizes the Mayor to enter into a Sanitary Sewer and Waterline Easement Agreement with the Village of Chagrin Falls.

**Ordinance 2018-53** – authorizes Change Order No. 1 with C.A. Agresta Construction Co. for the Twin Acre Court Reconstruction Project for the decrease amount of \$59.43, as a result of contract reconciliation due to the project being completed.

**Ordinance 2018-54** – authorizes Change Order No. 1 with Diversified Infrastructure Services, Inc. for the 2017 Sewer Cleaning and Televising Program in the decrease amount of \$5,132.32 as a result of contract reconciliation due to the project being complete.

**Ordinance 2018-55** – creates the Village Campus Improvement Fund within the financial records of the Village, for the purpose of receiving and expending funds to pay for the costs of various improvements on the Village Campus.

**Ordinance 2018-56** – authorizes declarations of official intent under U.S. Treasury regulations with respect to reimbursements from note and bond proceeds of temporary advances made for payments prior to issuance. This ordinance was passed to comply with the Reimbursement Regulations under the U.S. Treasury Regulations.

**Ordinance 2018-57** – provides for the issuance and sale of bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$665,500 for the purpose of paying costs of replacing the roof and renovating/improving the Police Department building.

**Ordinance 2018-58** – provides for the issuance and sale of bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$370,500 for the purpose of paying costs of reconstructing the entrance to and replacing the roof of, renovating/improving Village Hall.

**Ordinance 2018-59** – authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Medical Mutual for health care insurance for Village Employees, at the total estimated monthly cost of \$43,112.10.

**Ordinance 2018-60** – authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Guardian Life Insurance Company of America for life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance for Village Employees.

**Ordinance 2018-61** – authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Metlife for dental insurance for Village Employees.

**Resolution 2018-62** – accepts the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizes necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Fiscal Officer.

**Resolution 2018-63** – requests the County Fiscal Officer to make advances from the proceeds of real and personal property tax levies and special assessments during the fiscal year 2019.

**Ordinance 2018-64** – an appropriations ordinance, which is a monthly financial housekeeping item.

**Ordinance 2018-65** – authorizes the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Orange Village for the joint purchase and operation of a sewer camera and locator.

## No-Shave November Continues

The Police Department has decided to continue “No Shave November” through February. Thirteen Moreland Hills Police Officers are participating, which means they will forgo shaving in order to raise cancer awareness. Each officer has to donate \$25 per month that they participate. If you wish to donate as well, contact the Moreland Hills Police Department for more information.

## Moreland Hills Police and Employees Foundation

Once a year the Foundation sends a letter to all residents of Moreland Hills asking you to consider making a tax-deductible contribution for the benefit of the police and employees of our Village. This is an easy way to say thank you for the good service they provide. If you didn't receive the letter, please contact Village Hall. Please consider being a part of this tradition that started in 1966.

## Shop With a Cop

The Moreland Hills Police Department will partner with other local police departments to participate in the annual “Shop with a Cop” holiday program. Officers will be taking underprivileged children shopping for holiday presents and food for the children and their families. After shopping, the officers will enjoy a pizza party with the children. The event is December 15, 2018.

If you would like to donate your time or make a financial contribution (**checks payable to George Murray Foundation**) please contact Lt. Todd Dietzel or Officer Scott Bennett at [440.248.7585](tel:440.248.7585). Donations need to be received by **December 7, 2018**. You can mail or drop off a check to:

**Moreland Hills Police Department  
4350 SOM Center Road  
Moreland Hills, Ohio 44022**

**AFTER December 7<sup>th</sup>**, please make checks payable to “Village of Moreland Hills” and mail or drop off to same address listed above.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. We appreciate it and we know the kids and parents are very grateful.

*Lt. Todd Dietzel  
Officer Scott Bennett*

## Ways to Recycle Your Christmas Tree

- **Provide Shelter for Backyard Wildlife**
- **Use the Branches to Mulch Perennials**
- **Start a New Compost Pile**
- **Make It Into Mulch**
- **Create Fish Food and Habitat**
- **DIY Coasters**
- **Make Firewood**